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Register Today. Last Chance. Polls Open 6 a. m.—9 p. m.

WALTER WELLMAN DECIDES TAFT IS CERTAIN WINNER

**Bryan Landslide in West and
Pacific Falls Utterly to
Materialize.**

**Fight is in New York, With
Taft Prime Favorite.**

WISCONSIN LOST TO JOHNSON

Walter Wellman is the one prominent political writer who has been prophesying Democratic success in the national election. He is the only one in the field who has classified Ohio and Indiana as Democratic. The Memphis Commercial Appeal and other papers have been accepting his reports, somewhat garbled, but they did not publish his letter of Monday morning to the Record-Herald:

"Taft is still ahead in the presidential race, and his election is probable, notwithstanding heavy Democratic gains."

"The battle for the presidency has really improved down to this: Who ever carries New York will almost certainly win the great prize."

"There is a possibility that Taft might win without New York, but it is a remote chance, for it is generally conceded that if New York should go over to Bryan that will indicate a movement strong enough to sweep other states along in the current."

"It now seems clear that, barring surprises in the west, not now really looked for by the best informed, Bryan must carry New York to save himself. Without New York he is almost certainly beaten."

"The latest and most trustworthy information I have from New York—and it comes from dependable sources—is to the effect that the state is well-nigh for Taft. One strong reason for this I shall give in a moment."

"Thus it is obvious that by the most critical and cold-blooded view of the field Taft must be regarded as holding a tremendous advantage, despite bad Republican luck in states like Ohio and Indiana, and this advantage on the whole situation justifies odds of 2 to 1 in his favor. With New York, Taft can win without both Ohio and Indiana."

"The much-talked-of Bryan landslide in the agricultural west, in the mountain states and on the Pacific coast, is not a reality. It is true Bryan is making heavy gains in all this territory, so far as the popular vote is concerned. But it does not cup deep enough to spell general revolution. The Republican pluralities as a whole will be very much reduced—in some states almost to the point of disappearance—but Bryan's actual gain of electoral votes will be very small indeed—not enough, on the present alignment of the whole country, to have any effect upon the result. The basic facts are that the farmer is too prosperous to join a political revolution, and save in a few small mountain states there are not enough of the labor vote to give Bryan the victory. West of Chicago there will be heavy losses of Republican pluralities, but the loss of electoral votes will be, relatively speaking, a negligible quantity."

"The hot and heavy fighting in this campaign has shifted to the industrial states east of Chicago, to the states where the labor vote is relatively large, to states where the local conditions are abnormal—and most of them working against the Republicans—to the three great states of New York, Ohio and Indiana. Two of these are the 'pivot' states of the past—states which have shifted from party to party in presidential years—and the other is a state which has often been upon the verge of doing so. In all three of these states—this decisive triumvirate—the personal liberty or statutory legislation question has been raised by Republican governors or Republican legislatures, with the result that the national Republican ticket is confronted by an incidental opposition which has no proper place in the campaign. Here the labor vote is heavy, and here also, particularly in Ohio and Indiana, other factors are working against the Republicans. It now appears that in New York, the greatest of the trio, the Republican leaders have taken advantage of peculiar local circumstances to turn the unfavorable into salvation. Ohio is desperate fighting ground, with the chances, in my opinion, in Bryan's favor. Indiana seems hopelessly lost to Taft. But if New York stands Taft can easily win without Ohio and Indiana."

His Prediction.
"From information reaching me in

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HEARST THIEVES.

New York, Oct. 20.—Under the title "Mr. Hearst's Thieves," Collier's Weekly prints a story, purporting to be how Hearst secured the Archibald letters he read in the campaign. He says Willie Winfield, a negro clerk in Archibald's office, and Charles Stump, a messenger, stole the letters and sold photographs of copies to Hearst for \$12,000. It quotes Stump as saying Hearst has not read the most sensational letters yet. "Wait until he reads Senator Penrose's and Senator Aldrich's letters," Stump & Winfield lost \$12,000 running a saloon and gambling house.

WIND LIFTS CAR OFF TRACK AND 6 MEN ARE KILLED

Lone Tree, Wyoming, Oct. 20.—Six men were killed and 30 hurt in the most peculiar wreck recorded. It was due to a gale. The storm lifted a moving caboose, containing the men, from the track and dropped it off a 50 foot embankment.

Tenth Street Revival.
Services at Tenth Street church last night were well attended. The Rev. Mr. Jackson preached a strong sermon on "Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor and Are Heavy Laden and I Will Give You Rest," which produced a profound impression on his audience. Much interest is manifested in the meetings. Services again this evening at 7:30.

**BUD QUARLES EXHAUSTED
DISTURBED SERVICES.**
Bud Quarles, charged with disturbing the baptizing at foot of Kentucky avenue Sunday evening by running his gasoline launch near the crowd several times, Quarles after showing that he could not see the minister and did not know services were in progress, made profuse apologies and was dismissed in police court.

LET OFF EASY.

**Chicken Thief Was Already Punished
for Deprivation.**
Summary justice having already been dealt Charles Howard, a prisoner charged with chicken stealing, by the owner of the coop he visited, Judge Cross decided to be lenient with the prisoner, who had plainly made false statements under oath, and instead of issuing a warrant for false swearing, Howard was allowed to correct his statements after the evidence was all in. Howard was caught in Mike Iseman's chicken roost taking a couple of nice "yellow leg" fryers. Mr. Iseman used a club and the negro's black eyes and swollen face showed how well it was wielded.

Other cases were: Drunk—Jim Scott and — Smith, \$1 each. Mooning—James Gray, \$20. Breach of peace—Dan Williams, \$40. Grand larceny—Ed Brown, dismissed. Gambling—Ed Brame, \$20.

More Battleships

Washington, Oct. 20.—Roosevelt is telling his visitors he intends to renew the fight at the coming congress for four battleships and more cruisers and torpedo boats. He believes the two battleships ordered are insufficient. The navy board is backing him and will ask for four battleships sure and six if possible. Beveridge will lead the senate fight and Holman in the house.

WEATHER.



CLOUDY

Partly cloudy tonight, Wednesday increasing cloudiness. Highest temperature yesterday, 88; lowest today, 60.

LUKE E. WRIGHT IN VIGOROUS SPEECH AGAINST BRYAN

**New Yorkers are Enthusiastic
Over Utterances of Tennessee Statesman.**

**Exposes Fallacies of Nebraskan
Without Mercy.**

SOUTH IS FOR PROTECTION

New York, Oct. 20.—Seldom has William Jennings Bryan been so severely arraigned during the present campaign as he was here last night by Gen. Luke E. Wright, secretary of war, who addressed a large mass meeting at Terrace Garden.

General Wright, who was introduced as a "Democrat having the honor of holding a cabinet position under a Republican administration," was greeted with enthusiastic cheering when he appeared on the platform, and his speech was repeatedly interrupted by cheers and applause.

He asserted that even the most friendly judge must admit that in the elevation of William Jennings Bryan the people are making a most "hazardous experiment," and predicted that with the election of Mr. Taft, all the great interests of the country will be assured of a square deal and will resume their "march of progress."

He then made some comparison of the material points of the platforms of the two great parties in those particular parts in which they are in conflict.

"The omission of the Democratic party platform to declare for a revenue tariff only," Secretary Wright said, "was not accidental, but was intended to present a plank upon which Democratic free traders and protectionists alike could stand."

Protection Where Profitable.
The secretary said:

"I say this because it is a matter of common notoriety that there is a very considerable, and I may say growing element in the Democratic party which favors reasonable protection to American industries. We know that there are many thousands who habitually vote the Democratic ticket, in the eastern states especially, who are for moderate protection, and we know also that in the other great sections of the country, and especially in the south, where mining and manufacturing are being developed by leaps and bounds, and where sugar, wool, lumber and various other products receive the benefits of protection, Democrats are in favor of continuance in some form or other of the protective policy."

The speaker adverted to what he said were manifold objections to what he called Mr. Bryan's latest bid—the creation of a fund by tax upon national banks for the prompt payment of private depositors in these banks, with an arrangement for participation in the scheme by state banks. Mr. Bryan, he said, evidently regards with paternal fondness this latest offering of his prolific brain and is inclined to make it what he calls a paramount issue. He added:

"Any such scheme would probably fail to work even if there were the utmost confidence in the solvency of the government. Whether such a confidence would exist in the event Mr. Bryan had the naming of the secretary of the treasury and if the man named were imbued with his theories of finance—a man such as Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, for instance—is an interesting question and calls for reflection."

He followed this up with a bitter

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ROBBERS BATTLE WITH CITIZENS TILL SAFE BLOWN

Herrin, Ill., Oct. 20.—Three robbers accomplished a daring robbery of a bank at Hurst. While one blew the safe seven times, his companions outside engaged in a hot fight with citizens who fired from their homes. The explosion aroused the whole village. The robbers stood their ground until their partner completed his task and secured \$1,500. Then they all fled while the citizen posse pursued them. They escaped.

Reduce Wood Pulp Tariff.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 20.—As the result of a month's investigation the congressional committee investigating the paper industry, determined to recommend a revision of the tariff on Canadian pulp wood for print paper. Chairman Mann announced the decision. The investigation showed that the supply of pulp wood of the north-west will soon be exhausted. Canada is the only hope. Unless we can arrange a duty to bring in the pulp wood cheaply, print paper will become too expensive.

President and Mikado Exchange Felicitations Over Reception to Fleet During Trip Around World

Plans and Execution of Entertainment at Yokohama Far Exceeds Anything Ever Before Undertaken.

Tokio, Oct. 20.—The reception to the fleet far exceeds anything hitherto. The Mikado received Admirals Sperry, Emery and Schroeder, and Ambassador O'Brien. Tomorrow he entertains all the officers at dinner. Sailors are having the time of their lives. The entertainment program is the most elaborate ever experienced.

Express Good Wishes.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The text of the message between President Roosevelt and the Mikado during Admiral Sperry's audience is published. The president expressed his gratification over the reception of America's fleet and the wish that the ancient friendship of the two nations may continue. The Mikado's reply is similar. He thanked the United States for the opportunity of the Japanese to manifest their friendship. His constant aim is to weld the ties of amity into indissoluble bonds.

Tokio, Oct. 20.—The reception accorded the American Atlantic fleet by the government of Japan is considered by the American naval officers to be the heartiest and most perfectly carried out of the many receptions received by the fleet since it sailed from Hampton Roads. The men of the American and Japanese fleets are fraternizing everywhere in Tokio and Yokohama.

There can be no doubt that the simultaneous visits of the American exposition commissioners, the Pacific coast business men and the Atlantic fleet are a part of an organized plan of the Japanese to finally wipe out all misunderstanding between Japan and America and to give the visiting Americans as insight into the real attitude of Japan toward the United States.

At the dinner given by Ambassador O'Brien, Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, was introduced and in the course of his remarks said the acceptance of the invitation to visit

THREE THOUSAND CHINESE PERISH IN FRIGHTFUL TYPHOON OFF COAST AT AMOY

Work of Preparing For Reception of American Fleet is Going Ahead.

Amoy, China, Oct. 20.—Three thousand Chinese in the surrounding territory were killed in a typhoon and hundreds were injured.

In spite of the disaster the work of rehabilitating the city for the reception of the American fleet is going on. Admiral Sperry telegraphed his sympathy.

Two Recruits.

Capt. William L. Reed, U. S. A., accepted from Recruiting Sergt. C. A. Blake, Fintia H. Smith, of Moulton, for the field artillery, and George L. Wright, of 316 Kentucky avenue, for the cavalry.

APPLE JACK INSIDE AND OUT HAD THIS PRISONER.

Loaded on the outside as well as on the inside with apple brandy, Henry Ruff, colored, was arrested this morning by Patrolman Toke Owen on a charge of housebreaking. It is alleged that Ruff broke a door to the grocery of George Decker, Twelfth and Harrison streets, and stole five gallons of apple brandy. When searched Patrolman Owen found a half gallon, besides several pint bottles in his pockets. Ruff is alleged to have thrown away several bottles of brandy when spotted. He was locked up in the county jail.

Japan by the American fleet afforded Japan an opportunity to give additional evidence of the friendly sentiments always entertained by the Japanese towards America and Americans.

Early this morning Admiral Sperry was received at the imperial palace; on Wednesday morning the admiral and captains of the fleet will be the guests of the emperor at the palace. Admiral Sperry will convey the emperor a message from President Roosevelt.

Farmers Bear the Market.

The cool frosty nights have given the farmers a chance to kill their young hives and hogs and bring the meat to town and sell to consumers by the quarter, and as a result meats are somewhat cheaper on the market. Nice fat beef was selling this morning at 4 cents a pound for fore quarters and the nice steak quarters at 6 cents. Pork was selling at 7 and 8 cents. Corn is selling at 50 cents a bushel, which is much cheaper than produce buyers thought the feedstuff would sell for at this time on account of the supposed unfavorable season for corn.

MOOCHERS ARE HAPPY AS CANDIDATES COME IN.

The county candidates are coming to town, where they will close the campaign and the moochers are happy. On every corner there is a half dozen or more and when the candidate heads for a saloon to "buy" for some friend, he has to run the gauntlet of a score of thirsty voters. Even people, who are not candidates, are held up. One attorney from Murray, who is here under care of a specialist, was walking up Third street yesterday when one of the many stopped him and asked him what he was running for. "Nothing in the world," said the attorney.

"Well, I thought I would be for you if you wanted an office."

Some of the young men who are candidates are taken as "easy marks" and are already all in declaring they won't take a hand in another political game soon unless some rich uncle dies and leaves them a fortune.

Robert Hall Recovering.
Robert Hall, who was pitched out of a buggy nearly a week ago, is resting easy today, and now has better chances for his recovery. He has been conscious a great part of the day. Hall was thrown out of a buggy at Maxon's Mill.

Fight for Bllek's Life.
Chicago, Oct. 20.—Friends of H. Bllek, condemned murderer, intend to appeal to President Roosevelt to save his life. Father, O'Callaghan, the priest, who befriended Bllek, announced that he will seek a pardon from Governor Deenen. If he fails he will petition President Roosevelt. Prosecutor Healy is prepared to seek an early date for execution when the supreme court's decision arrives.

Taft in Virginia

Martinsburg, W. Va., Oct. 20.—Judge Taft spoke in a dozen towns in West Virginia. He declared the panic was unlike former depressions. It was only felt in spots. The west was not affected. Farmers did not feel it. Business needs a restoration of confidence, which is impossible if Bryan is elected.

Fulton Date Changed

Information has been received by Postmaster Frank M. Fisher that Governor Augustus E. Willson will speak in Fulton on October 24 instead of October 27. It is not known why the change was made, but it is presumed that Governor Willson may add another date to his trip.

FATHER OF PADUCAH WOMAN MURDERED BY NIGHT RIDERS NEAR REELFOOT LAKE, TENN.

**R. Z. Taylor Sees Companion Shot and
While They Are Balloting His Life
Away Jumps in Bayou.**

**VENGEANCE OF MASKED BAND ON TWO PROMINENT
ATTORNEYS, WHO HAD PROSECUTED THEIR OUTLAWRY**

**Hellish Deed Perpetrated Under Protection of County
Authorities of Tennessee and Kentucky.**

BULLETIN 2:30 O'CLOCK.
UNION CITY, TENN., OCT. 20.—CAPT. RANKIN WAS HANGED AND SHOT BY NIGHT RIDERS. WHILE THEY WERE VOTING WHETHER OR NOT TO KILL MR. TAYLOR, HE JUMPED INTO A NEARBY BAYOU AND TRIED TO SWIM ACROSS. IT IS BELIEVED HE EITHER WAS SHOT IN THE BAYOU OR WAS DROWNED. THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF HIS SAFETY. SEARCHERS FOUND RANKIN'S BODY, SHOT, WITH A ROPE AROUND HIS NECK.

NOTE.
Members of Mr. Taylor's family in Paducah left on the 2:30 train for Trenton to join the remainder of the family at the old home.

Union City, Tenn., (Special).—R. Z. Taylor, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., and father of Mrs. W. B. Mills, and Mrs. Mark Anthony, and Mr. George M. Taylor, of Paducah, was murdered last night by night riders near Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., and his body hidden. The body of his companion, Capt. Quenton Rankin, was found early this morning. They were taken from the home of E. C. Ward at Walnut Log shortly after midnight by 70 or 80 masked men and conducted into the woods and shot. It is presumed. The messenger who sent the word, had to ride five miles to a telephone. The sheriff was notified and started out with a posse for a ride into the wildest country in West Tennessee. Two coffins were sent down by Attorney Caldwell, of this city. Relatives of the dead men were then notified.

Both the victims are attorneys for the West Tennessee Land company, which owns the ferry and fishing and hunting privileges around Reelfoot lake, and incurred the hostility of night riders by its monopoly. Last spring the hotel and other buildings of the company were burned by night riders, after sending repeated warnings. Recently, it is said E. C. Ward, manager of the properties, was whipped.

The attorneys represented the company in recent prosecutions for night riding. Yesterday they arrived at Reelfoot lake about 4 o'clock; but apparently news of their coming had preceded them. There were several people at Ward's when the night riders called. The night riders greatly outnumbered the people in the hotel, who were completely surprised. The two victims had no chance to defend themselves. They were taken into the woods and shot down without mercy.

The attorneys were out to see about some land on the Kentucky border, which is infested on both sides by night riders. Governor Wilson has troops to keep order on the Kentucky side, where the authorities of Hickman county are doing nothing.

It Was a Case of Revenge.
The revenge on these attorneys is much like that practiced at Clarksville and Eddyville, Ky. At the latter place a grand juror who did not sign a report, suffered the loss of his barn at Adams, Tenn. Incendiaries burned the factory of Mr. Sory, a prominent figure in the law and order movement, of Clarksville and a witness for the defense of Hunt and Gardner, who were tried and convicted for killing the night rider, Vaughn Bennett. The tobacco barn of Attorney Ponder, of the firm of Leach & Ponder, attorneys for the defense, also was destroyed.

Both Prominent Attorneys.
Mr. Taylor was about 60 years old, and one of the most prominent attorneys in West Tennessee. He was the father of Mrs. W. B. Mills and Mrs. Mark Anthony and Mr. George M. Taylor, of Paducah, and Mr. Don Taylor, traveling salesman for the Simmons Hardware company of St. Louis. A son, married Miss Catherine Taylor, a daughter of Senator Robert Taylor last winter.

Captain Quenton Rankin, was captain of company F of the Tenth Tennessee in 1898. He was about 30 years old and married. He was a member of a prominent family.

Deadly Cigarette

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 20. (Special).—3000 set fire to brush with cigarettes in this county. The fire consumed 75 acres of forest and fencing. The village of Chantville is in danger.

Chicago Business Men Coming.

Many members of the Chicago Commerce association are on a tour of the south, and Paducah merchants have been notified that the Chicago boosters will pay Paducah a visit.

Prof. Cheek Resigns.

To enter the business world, Prof. Frank Cheek, a teacher in the department of the Washington building has handed to the school board his resignation, effective as soon as possible. In the resignation the public schools will lose a good teacher, but Professor Cheek has received a flattering offer from Faust Bros. Lumber company, and after January 1, will be northern salesman for the firm with headquarters in Chicago.

Lost \$23; Got Back \$7.50.

For the alleged theft of \$23 from John Gant, colored, Rosie Stevens, a negro from Cairo, was arrested this morning by Patrolman Toke Owens on a charge of robbery. It is alleged that the woman and Gant were together at Maxon Mills last night, and she slipped the roll of money from his pocket. For fear the Stevens woman would return to Cairo, the police department had several police scouring the north side beat, but a Patrolman Owens captured the woman and recovered \$7.50 of the money.

Coal Men Sentenced

Madisonville, Ky., Oct. 20. (Special).—One year sentence for embezzlement, was given Inkerman Bailey, St. manager of the Reelfoot coal mines. The court refused him a new trial. An appeal will be taken.

Going to California.

Charles Starks and family, of Murray, are the guests of Mr. E. W. Wear and family, 320 Monroe street today. They are en route to Los Angeles, Cal., where they will make their home. Will Starks accompanied his brother to Paducah.

Little Gleeves Boy Hurt.

The 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gleeves, of 236 North Seventh street, broke his arm Sunday afternoon while playing on a toboggan slide the lads had built. The break was a compound fracture of the left arm between the wrist and the elbow. One bone in the arm was broken in two places and the other bone was broken and protruded through the flesh. Dr. S. B. Pullam and Dr. Vernon Blythe were called to attend the injured lad.

Chicago Market.

	Dec.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	98 1/2	97 3/4	98 1/4	
Corn	64	63 1/4	63 3/4	
Oats	48	47	47 1/4	
Provisions	12 5/8	13 1/4	12 5/8	
Oct. High				
Lard				
Butter				